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July 20

Washington, January 17. 1853

My Dear fri.

I have been hoping for some time past, to receive from you a further report upon the plants which I forwarded to you, collected under my direction in 1851, in Texas, New Mexico, and Sonora.

It would very much aid me in getting an appropriation by Congress, at this session for publishing in 4^{to} with ample plates.

I have asked for \$5000. for the publication of all the botany & all the zoology collected on that expedition, and I have strong friends who will do all they can in its favor. But they wish to see the reports in the state of progress to which they have at present advanced.

I remain very sincerely yours
J. D. Graham
(over)

Prof. Asa Gray

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